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Nicolas Cage reveals why Sarah Jessica Parker relationship didn't work out

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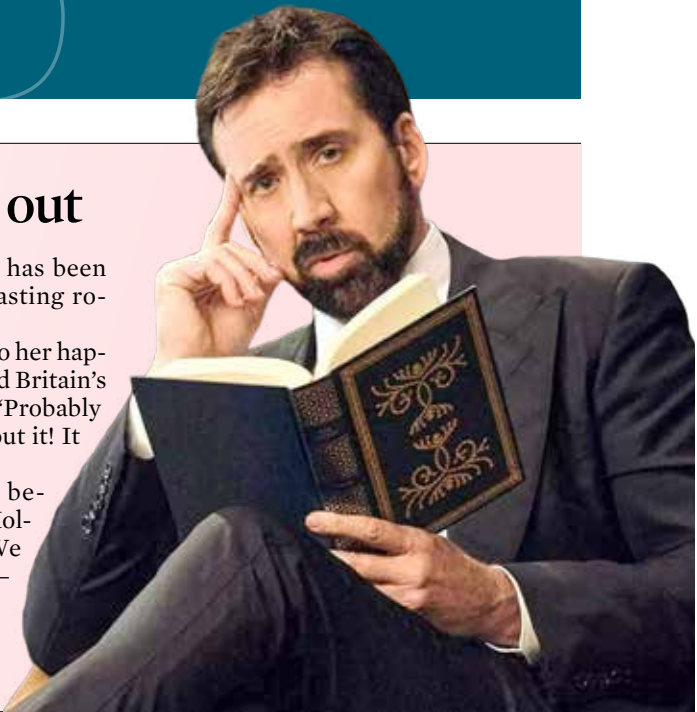
Nicolas Cage didn't pass "the Mom test" with Sarah Jessica Parker. The 61-year-old actor has opened up about his short lived romance with the Sex and the City star in the late 1990s, and he joked that their relationship fizzled out after her met her mother for the first time. He told E! News in a statement: "I cared about Sarah,

but I don't think I passed the Mom test. "I recall sitting down with her and her mother for dinner at the Russian Tea Room, and I don't know if it was my blue Vanson Leather motorcycle jacket (which I still have) or my sinusitis, but I didn't hear from her again." Over the weekend, Sarah revealed they started dating around the time they were filming together for 1992 rom com Honeymoon in Vegas. She confirmed the rumours

on Watch What Happens Live With Andy Cohen, he asked: "Did you date Nic Cage?" She replied: "Yes, I did." The host, who is close friends with Sarah, quipped: "Oh wow. We've got some talking to do!" During the chat, she also revealed she was the first to say "I love you" to 63-year-old Lion King star Matthew. Sarah has also dated Michael J. Fox, Chris Penn, and

Robert Downey Jr. The 60-year-old And Just Like That actress now has children James, 22, and 16-year-old twins Tabitha and Marion with husband Matthew Broderick. Sarah recently admitted she thinks not being a "Hollywood couple" has helped her marriage. The couple tied the knot in 1997, and she believes not speaking much about her personal life and being under the

radar in New York has been key to their long-lasting romance. Asked the secret to her happy marriage, she told Britain's HELLO! magazine: "Probably that I don't talk about it! It really is a secret. "But maybe it's because we're not a Hollywood couple. We live in New York - maybe that's good."



Nicolas Cage

Joaquin Phoenix apologises to David Letterman

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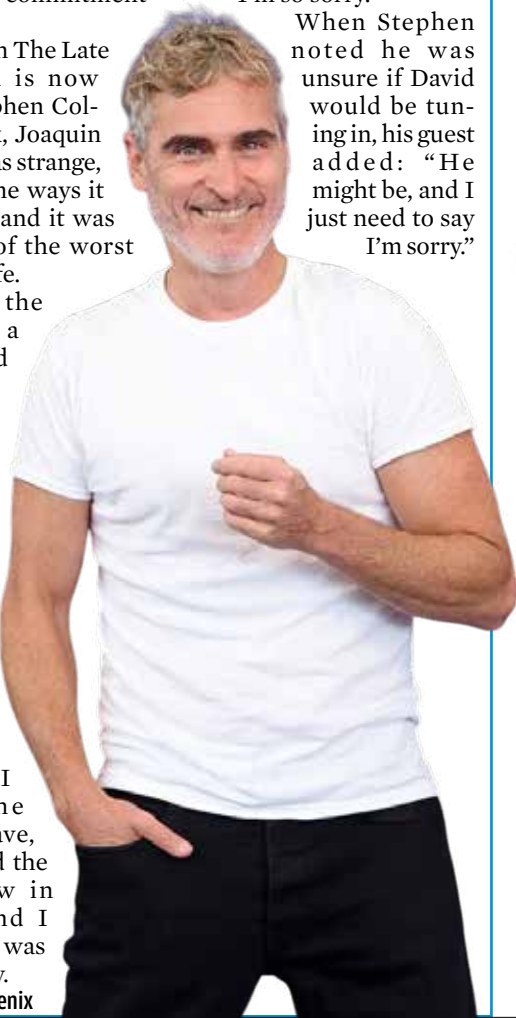
Joaquin Phoenix has apologised to David Letterman for his infamous "horrible" appearance on The Late Show. The 50-year-old actor memorably appeared on the 78-year-old broadcaster's talk show in 2009 to promote Two Lovers while in character for his mockumentary I'm Still Here -for which he had publicly announced he was giving up acting to focus on a hip-hop career - and he admitted he felt "stuck" because of his commitment to the project. Appearing on The Late Show, which is now hosted by Stephen Colbert, this week, Joaquin recalled: "It was strange, because in some ways it was a success and it was also just one of the worst nights of my life."

"As part of the promotion for a film that I had made, I was coming on the show, and so I was stuck." Noting he had begun adopting his hip-hop persona ahead of promoting Two Lovers, he said: "I had to keep it going. "When I came on the show with Dave, I originally did the pre-interview in character, and I realised that it was just a little silly."

"So I called them back and I said, 'Listen, this is what I'm doing. I'm coming out here and I'm doing this whole thing. I just want Dave to like lacerate me, I just want it to be really dangerous.' "

Because the Oscar-winning star was trying to draw a particular public "reaction", he felt it was "beneficial for no one to know except when needed", which led to a bizarre exchange between himself and David. He added: "It was horrible, it was so uncomfortable, I regret it. I'll never do it again. I'm so sorry."

When Stephen noted he was unsure if David would be tuning in, his guest added: "He might be, and I just need to say I'm sorry."



Joaquin Phoenix



It's hard to maintain sobriety while touring, says Miley Cyrus

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Miley Cyrus thinks it's "really hard to maintain sobriety" while touring.

The 32-year-old pop star hasn't paired an album with live shows since her Bangerz Tour back in 2014, and Miley has now revealed that she has no intention of hitting the road anytime soon.

During an appearance on Good Morning America, Miley - who quit using marijuana in 2017 - explained: "It's really hard to maintain sobriety when you're on the road, which is kind of a pillar of stability in my life. None of this that I create would

even be possible without the way I think about things."

Miley also thinks there's an insufficient "infrastructure" for touring artists.

The pop star said: "I do have the physical ability. I have the opportunities to tour, I wish I had the desire, but I don't. I also don't think that there's an infrastructure that supports artists."

Miley acknowledged that touring has negatively impacted her mental health in the past. The Wrecking Ball hitmaker said: "I do think it's really hard to keep mental wellness."

In 2023, Miley admitted that touring "isn't healthy" for her.

The singer has enjoyed huge success in her music career - but Miley believes that touring "erases [her] humanity" and stifles her ability to write new

songs. The Flowers hitmaker explained in a TikTok video: "Having every day the relationship between you and other humans being subject and observer isn't healthy for me because it erases my humanity and my connection. And without my humanity and my connection, I can't be a songwriter, which is my priority."

Miley also reflected on the differences between herself and her dad, music star Billy Ray Cyrus.

The chart-topping singer admitted that she had financial and emotional stability during her younger years, whereas her dad was forced to struggle through the early years of his life.

Miley explained: "My dad grew up the opposite of me.

Oprah Winfrey called to assist with Prince Harry's 'duck problem'

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Oprah Winfrey was called to help Prince Harry with a "duck problem".

The 71-year-old media mogul lives close to the Duke of Sussex and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, in California and she recalled rushing to the couple's aid over the Easter weekend when they discovered ducklings in their back yard but had nowhere suitable to settle them.

Speaking to Kelly Ripa on her Let's Talk Off Camera podcast, Opera said: "I get a call from Harry, Prince Harry, on Easter Saturday, and he says, 'Sorry to bother you, O, but we have a duck problem here.' "

"A duck had come into their yard and laid their eggs and had these chicks. "And he said, 'Our pond is a stream, we don't have a pond, so can we bring the ducks over to your pond?' "

Oprah agreed but asked Harry to wait because her best friend Gayle King's grandchildren were coming to visit and would like to see the spectacle, but the 40-year-old prince - who has Prince Archie, six, and Princess Lilibet, four, with wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex - insisted he needed to move the creatures immediately.

She continued: "I said, 'Wait until I can get the kids to come down to the pond so they can see you put the ducks in the pond.' And he goes, 'No, we're coming right away, we're coming over!' "

But the cute scene turned to chaos when the "mama duck" fled and the trio had to chase her, providing the "funniest thing" Oprah had



Oprah Winfrey

ever seen. She said: "As he opens the door, the mama duck flies out. And he's got all the baby ducks in a box. "We're chasing the mama duck who is in the front yard and has flown to the other side. We've got her ducks. Harry's running after, Meghan gets out, she's running after, chasing the mom and trying to get her to come back to her ducks."

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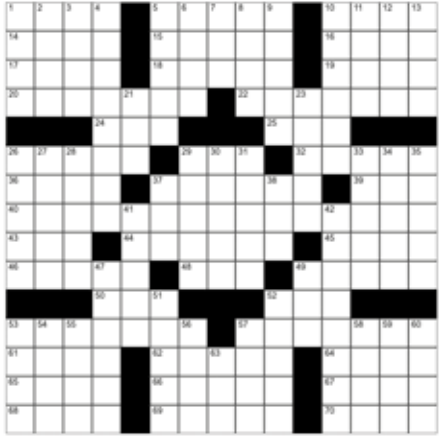
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How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Across

1- Guitarist Clapton; 5- Shoe ties; 10- Vessel; 14- Impulsive; 15- "Forbidden" fruit; 16- Spumoni or vanilla holder; 17- ___ La Douce; 18- Muscle contraction; 19- On ___ with (equal to); 20- Least difficult; 22- Illness; 24- Modern prefix; 25- Little drink; 26- Tantalize; 29- Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"; 32- Young purrer; 36- Role for Ingrid; 37- In ___ (sort of); 39- Feel bad about; 40- In spite of; 43- Prefix with center; 44- Roman general; 45- Take down ___; 46- Open a tennis match; 48- The Catcher in the ___; 49- Women's wear; 50- Do the wrong thing; 52- Hunky-dory; 53- Letter opener; 57- Go in again; 61- "...countrymen, lend me your ___"; 62- More secure; 64- I could ___ horse; 65- Rock band Mötley ___; 66- China's Zhou ___; 67- Vocalize melodically; 68- Aardvark's meal; 69- ___ Janeiro; 70- Smelting waste;

Down

1- Ashtabula's lake; 2- ___ avis; 3- Doctrines; 4- Woodcutter power tool; 5- Cow catcher; 6- PDA entry; 7- No. cruncher; 8- "Born Free" lion; 9- Big rigs; 10- Shrimp dish; 11- Expectant desire; 12- ___ instant; 13- Sassy; 21- Wide shoe width; 23- Compare; 26- Prongs; 27- Run away to get married; 28- Moving; 29- Doorkeeper; 30- Unordered; 31- Architectural piers; 33- Nonsense; 34- Melodies; 35- Safecrackers; 37- ___ glance; 38- Mediterranean isl.; 41- Champagne buckets; 42- Absence of light; 47- Stanzas; 49- Female deer; 51- Vertical face of a stair; 52- Hawk's home; 53- Word form for "ten"; 54- Acquire through work; 55- Stuck, after "in"; 56- Wife of a rajah; 57- Went through, as the paper; 58- Follow; 59- Gas burner or Sicilian volcano; 60- Sturdy wool fiber; 63- Andy Capp's wife;

Yesterday's solution

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